

August and December 2004 Patentability Arguments

It is respectfully asserted that the August-inserted "linearly-defined" limitation to Claims 1(amended) and 9(new) have antecedent basis in the 23 July 2003-filed drawing Figures 4, 5, and 7.

It is respectfully urged that 35 USCode 112 salient objections are hereabove meaningfully complied with.

Disclosure of Applicants' Recent Searches

Co-Applicants' independent prior art searches, conducted prior to 4 June 2004, reveal nothing more relevant than the Examiners' primary reliance upon U. S. Patent #4998310 (Olson - 1991). Nevertheless, co-applicant-Conaway wishes the Examiners to become aware of Fogel's U. S. Patents numbers 4,077,074(1978) and 4,771,491(1988).

Argument as to Patentability for Claim (new)

Applicants' sole remaining independent claim, Claim 9(new) is limitationally encumbered by:

"four (uninterruptedly) structurally-continuous resinous bars that are cornerwise intersect as linearly-defined mateable tongues-and-grooves". However, in direct counterdistinction as to Olson's disclosure:

Olson's all four elongate bars (32, 34, 36,38) are segmented therealong (as opposed to applicants' structurally-continuous bars); and Olson's cornerwise intersect as wholly curvably defined connections (as opposed to applicants' linearly-defined tongues-and-grooves).

In the latter regard, applicants' said structurally-continuous and linearly-defined limitations in Claim 1(amended) and in superceding Claim 9 (new) ensure that the thus four mutually co-restrained elongate resinous bars will readily and reliably snugly abut a bars'surroundable horizontal sleeping mattress.

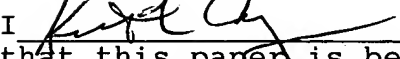
Accordingly, in view of the foregoing: it is sincerely asserted thatr Claim 9(new), and a fortiori, its dependent Claims nos. 2 (currently amended) and 3-8(original), represent novel and unobvious subject matter, for which patent protection is warranted.

Respectfully submitted,


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